| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| 23. | Amravati | 873 | 4881 | 1361 |
| 24. | Akola | 794 | 5156 | 1419 |
| 25. | Buldhana | 574 | 3689 | 1134 |
| 26. | Yeotmal | 413 | 2238 | 654 |
| | SUB-TOTAL: | 2654 | 15964 | 4568 |
| 27. | Nagpur | 3130 | 17370 | 4725 |
| 28. | Bhandara | 394 | 2329 | 536 |
| 29. | Chandrapur | 293 | 1518 | 369 |
| 30. | Gadchiroli | 35 | 175 | 41 |
| 31. | Wardha | 385 | 2159 | 559 |
| | SUB-TOTAL: | 4237 | 23551 | 6230 |
| | GRAND TOTAL: | 22079 | 126691 | 42563 |

**Ashram School in Tribal Areas of Maharashtra**

1299. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established Ashram Schools in the tribal areas of Maharashtra for the development of Tribal children;

(b) if so, the details of each of such schools and the number of tribal children admitted in each of these schools, as on date;

(c) whether Government propose to increase their number in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 410 Ashram Schools run by the State Government and 324 Ashram Schools run by Voluntary Organisations in the State. Out of 734 Ashram Schools, there are 529 Ashram Schools in the Tribal Sub-Plan Area and 205 Ashram Schools in outside Tribal Sub Plan Area.

Out of 734 Ashram Schools the Government of Maharashtra have established 416 Post Basic Ashram Schools (273 Government and 143 Voluntary Organisations) and 318 Basic Ashram Schools (137 Government and 181 Voluntary Organisations).

In the ashram schools in each class 40 students are admitted as residential and 10 students are admitted as non-residential students. In the year 1997-98 there were 2,53,000 tribal students in these ashram schools in the state.

(c) and (d) The Government of Maharashtra have formulated the Master-Plan and according to which a backlog of only 292 has remained for opening Ashram School in the State. Accordingly, this Government have identified 292 places (70 in Tribal Sub-Plan Area and 222 in Outside Tribal Sub-Plan Area) to open new Ashram Schools in the State.